



Taghyeer (Change) is a Palestinian organization that leads a National Nonviolence Movement of grassroots communities and emerging leaders practicing nonviolence as a unifying identity for the Palestinian people.

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Executive Statement

Dear friends,

Finally 2020 has come to an end, with all of its challenges, and 2021 has begun with glimmers of hope. We are all encouraged by the discovery and roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine and hopeful that, with the results of the US elections, will come new momentum for peaceful engagement towards resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Despite the pandemic, annexation pressures, political fragmentation, and lack of leadership, we at Taghyeer, along with our partners, have been active. We have grown our leadership ranks through our programs Messengers of Change and Women's Leadership. Our activists have supported marginalized communities and responded with strength to the challenges of the COVID-19 reality. Today, we are proud to say that we have served over 20,100 people and the Taghyeer Movement is currently active in 22 communities across the West Bank.

Nevertheless, none of this would have been possible without the generous backing of our donors and supporters who have continued to strengthen the partnership with Taghyeer. We are so grateful for all of you who got us through this difficult year!



Muhanad Kharaz
Taghyeer Executive Director



Ali Abu Awwad
Founder & Spokesperson



Vision

Taghyeer envisions a democratic, independent Palestinian society which has the strength to forge a path committed to ending the Palestinian-Israeli conflict based on freedom, dignity, and security for all.

Mission

We work towards social and political change by taking responsibility for the self-development of our society. Our Messengers of Change enable community-led social action, empowering the leadership of women and youth to enhance our society by cooperative action. We come together with other organizations under the principle of a Palestinian Nonviolence Charter, which we embrace as essential to build partnerships and create a new nonviolent environment that allows for social and political change.



OUR OBJECTIVES



Civic Peace & Citizenship

Enhance the Palestinian society in conflict resolution, nonviolent resistance, responsibilities, and social rights to strengthen their sense of citizenship.

Women & Youth Leadership

Support women and youth to take on a significant role in social, political, economic, environmental development and responsibilities.



Nonviolence Identity

Promote a peaceful culture that guarantees democracy, equality and freedom for everyone to be able to practice their nonviolence identity through a strong volunteering role.



OUR STORY



Taghyeer Movement began to introduce our principles to the Palestinian society in Spring 2016, when 15 community leaders met at a workshop to discuss the launch of Taghyeer as a Palestinian National Nonviolence Movement. Taghyeer promotes nonviolence as an identity for Palestinian people to unite around and evoke social and political change. The outcome of this meeting was the decision to bring together aspiring activists from eleven communities in South Hebron Hills in an initiative known as 'Plant the Change'. We developed a grove of trees in order to make use of the land in this threatened, marginalized area as the first practical action on the ground.

In the months following the action, three leading organizers, Riyad Halees, Raed Hadar, and Ali Abu Awwad spent the summer introducing the principles of Taghyeer to over 37 different communities in meetings and workshops to lay the groundwork for the official launch of the movement. On the 2016 International Peace Day, more than 3,500 Palestinians participated in a mass action in Jericho, the Karama Event, raising awareness about the obstacles and barriers people face across the West Bank.

They shared in a common declaration of our commitment to end the Israeli occupation through a peaceful solution that guarantees a dignified and secure life for all people of this land. Limited resources for the workshops and Karama event were augmented by the early efforts of the newly established U.S. Friends of Taghyeer, to be joined in subsequent years by the Swiss-based organization B8 of Hope as international support partners.

Following the success of this event, Taghyeer received invitations from all over the West Bank to partner with activists and local organizations.

Since then, the leadership role of Taghyeer in the region has expanded and the movement has grown to include regional activist groups such as a women-led coalition of teachers, young professionals, veteran political activists, and social workers. As the next step, Taghyeer implemented the Messengers of Change program, which aims to empower trained emerging leaders. Their role has strengthened Taghyeer to serve as an umbrella organization for an independent and powerful civil society movement that is able to unify our people to take national responsibility and achieve our vision of freedom and a peaceful solution.

Meet the Team



MEET A PART OF OUR TEAM

Neda' Kharaz leads our biggest activist group in Nablus. The group has 70 members with a high percentage of women leaders. Neda' takes part in the Taghyeer Leadership Project.

*"I joined Taghyeer Movement as a youth activist, and one of my most important goals is to make change in my community. We implement initiatives that pave the path for change to occur within the Palestinian society. It is important for me personally that the movement cares about women leadership and women participation in the decision making process to support her role on the ground." - **Neda' Kharaz***



Qais Al Halees leads our newest activist group in Al Quds University with 10 members. Being a university student, Qais focuses on youth involvement.

MEET A PART OF OUR TEAM



Safaa Abu Raya is a young woman leader in Ramallah. She is part of the Taghyeer Leadership Project. The group has eight members and Safaa focuses on women leadership.

"I am a member of Taghyeer Movement because I absolutely believe that the spark of change starts from the soul and from that spark we can create a volcano. We make a new reality of change that we want to see in the future. Taghyeer is part of me as it represents my potential and the hope for a better future." - Safaa Abu Raya

Milad Vosgueritchian from Elazereye leads an activist group of 10 and takes part in the Taghyeer Leadership Project. Milad focuses on nonviolence education as he works as a school principal.



MEET A PART OF OUR TEAM



Fatima Nawajaa leads our Susya group of 15 members. Fatima focuses on supporting the steadfastness of the people in South Hebron Hills and is part of the Taghyeer Leadership Project.

"I joined Taghyeer Movement because I believe that every peaceful mass struggle achieves its goals bottom up. As we are a movement for change, we take on challenges and needs in practical ways in order to ensure our social impact is achieved on the ground. The structure of the movement allows for each activist to raise their voice as the leaders and the activists are working side by side to achieve Taghyeer's vision." -

Fatima Nawajaa



Mo'men Qashqeesh leads our group of 30 in Halhul in the South of the West Bank. Mo'men has a big network, which he uses to initiate youth initiatives and bring together local councils. Mo'men takes part in the Taghyeer Leadership Project.

Taghyeer's Activist Map

Taghyeer currently has 19 activist groups throughout the West Bank. Each group is headed by one of our Messengers of Change who is coordinating group activities. Browse this map to find out more about the activist groups & their work.



Programs

Three core programs serve as the basis to develop and implement on-the-ground programs, which have been designed and executed as an integral part of our vision:



1) The **Messengers of Change** program develops and trains community leaders who are dispersed throughout the West Bank and represent Taghyeer on the ground and implement initiatives of their own. They serve as activists and nonviolent role models in their respective communities to work towards an independent and democratic society.

2) The **Women's Leadership** program creates a space for women to act independently and to serve their communities as agents for change. Some of the women are also MoCs.

3) The **Palestinian Nonviolence Charter** serves as an instrument to create a new nonviolent environment that allows for social and political change. It aims to unite civil society through adopting nonviolence as a response to the actions within the fragmented Palestinian political arena.

Core Programs

Messengers of Change



Taghyeer's Messengers of Change program builds a network of well-trained emerging community leaders who have social or political credibility to be able to represent Taghyeer on the ground and serve our vision of an independent and democratic society.

Our Messengers of Change (MoCs) are taking action to build trust among individuals, organizations, and communities by engaging everyone as a unified massive movement. Being an MoC means taking responsibility through social development and nonviolent actions such as nonviolence workshops, community programs, and leadership training. Taghyeer is currently working with 34 MoCs who are active in 22 communities and are composed of organization heads,

community leaders, educators and their students, and municipal officials, encompassing all segments of Palestinian society.

The mission of the program is to promote nonviolence education and nonviolent cooperative action, which is achieved through the messengers executing the following steps:

1. Spread the mission of Taghyeer.
2. Reach out to new volunteers and members.
3. Address community problems and challenges.
4. Prepare and offer community workshops & training.
5. Implement community-led-on-the-ground projects.
6. Respond to Crisis.

Core Programs

Women's Leadership



One of Taghyeer's central goals is to strengthen the role of women in the Palestinian society. The Women's Leadership Program (WLP) invests in women activists and leaders, and has established and partnered with several existing women's groups within the Palestinian society. The women learn skills and receive training in order to practice social and political leadership.

The Program is composed of two main groups, the first in the north of the West Bank which includes women activists from Nablus, and the second in the south of the West Bank including women from Jub Al Deib, Twani and Hebron. Some of the women taking part in the WLP also serve as Messengers of Change.

Through cooperation with the German organization forumZFD and their outstanding project manager Siham Fayyad, who works closely with us,

Taghyeer's women activists create a space to act independently and to serve their communities as agents for change. Through this partnership, the women of the WLP took part in a long-term training program in which they acquired skills that support campaign design, budget planning, conducting needs assessments, and community outreach.

1. Spread the mission of Taghyeer.
2. Establish new women's groups in each community in which Taghyeer is active.
3. Recruit additional women activists and leaders into the movement to engage actively in the Palestinian society.
4. Implement action plans that meet rising needs in their communities.
5. Create a safe space for Palestinian women to empower their involvement in Taghyeer Movement, build on the relational aspect, and promote solidarity.

Core Programs



Palestinian Nonviolence Charter

The Palestinian Nonviolence Charter serves as a declaration of principles and values of nonviolent identity. The Charter is essential to build partnerships and create a new nonviolent environment that allows for social and political change. The Charter acts as an instrument to unite the civil society through adopting nonviolence as a response to the actions of the fragmented Palestinian political arena. This occurs through creating a coalition of numerous organizations, communities, and individuals who sign on the Charter. The signing of the Charter is an act of commitment to its principles and a call to action.

The rationale for this effort is clearly described in and tied to the Charter's vision statement.

Hence, Taghyeer Movement is confident that the Charter will attract the majority of the Palestinian people with its inclusiveness, clarity, and values. We aim to build a coalition of Palestinian organizations that will adopt the Charter as a guide for working towards common goals. On the political level, we want to propose the Charter to the Palestinian and international political leadership in order to leverage political support for our vision.

It is vital to note that though Taghyeer leads the process with its partners to generate support around it, the Charter is not owned by Taghyeer. This eliminates any potential competition with other organizations since the ownership of the Charter is shared among all the signatories.

'We envision a solution to the Palestinian/Israeli conflict that guarantees our just rights to independence and self-governance, freedom, dignity, and a secure life for all the peoples of this land.'

[Read full Charter here](#)

On the Ground Programs

Community Self-Development



Taghyeer's activists are preserving the steadfastness of the people under the occupation as well as responding to community needs as part of our strategic plan of building a democratic, responsible society that serves our vision of independence. We believe the establishment of a healthy society and self-responsibility are key to achieve our political rights and to create a new environment where solutions are possible.

Thus, the community self-development program counters the existing paralysis in the Palestinian society that results from the ongoing occupation and the weak economic situation. The program is divided into two subdomains:

(1) Beautification & Land Activities including planting trees, the beautification of parks and the city, painting murals, harvesting olive and more. The land activities mainly set an example of good citizenship as well as how the people can preserve the land in the face of annexation.

(2) The Community activities include specific community-led actions that can concern different areas of impact. The activities range from awareness campaigns to ensuring water access to marginalized communities, building facilities, and direct response initiatives. This subdomain of the program promotes the power of campaigning, volunteering, and cooperative action.

On the Ground Programs



Nonviolence Education & Direct Action

One of Taghyeer's main goals is to offer an alternative solution to violence based on lessons learned in the past that violent approaches were not effective in bringing about the desired change. The concept of nonviolent resistance is not prevalent in Palestine, and Taghyeer envisions a Palestine that adopts the tool of nonviolence to serve its cause.

As the Palestinian society is fragmented both geographically and politically, the nonviolent identity promoted by Taghyeer offers an opportunity for belonging. Hence, this program is divided into two subdomains:

(1) Nonviolence Education aims at making the concept of nonviolence known through workshops, local and national speaking tours, and everyday face-to-face conversations. This builds the theoretic foundation for the second subdomain of the program.

(2) Nonviolent Direct Action allows for Taghyeer's activists to practice nonviolent resistance on the ground. This subdomain particularly includes bigger events and de-escalation in interaction with Israeli military as well as organizing demonstrations and solidarity expressions.

On the Ground Programs

Nonviolent Response to Needs & Crises



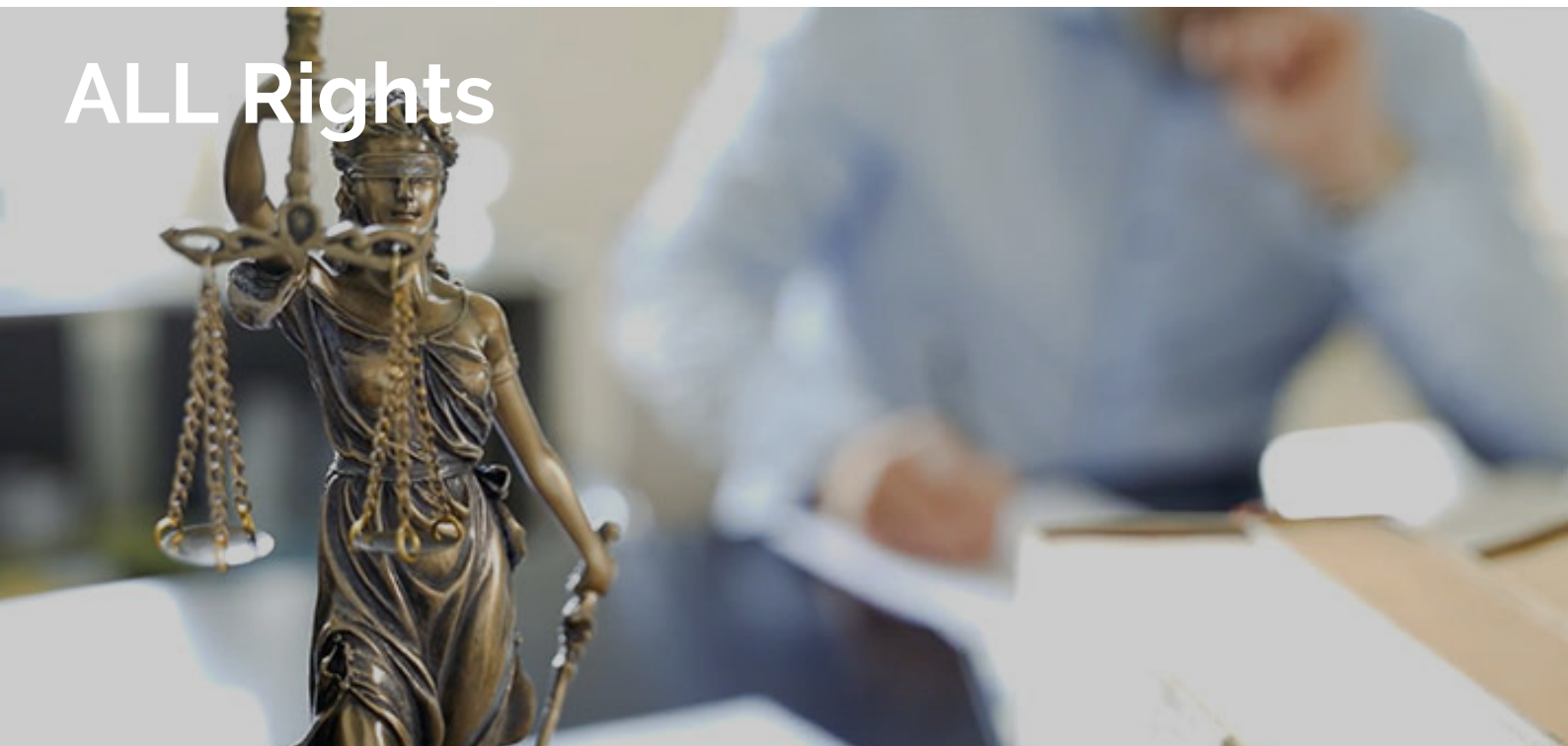
Although Taghyeer does not primarily function as a relief organization, we cannot overlook immediate needs of the society that result from extraordinary circumstances. Taghyeer envisions a strong Palestinian society that is capable of facing crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and the annexation plan.

Therefore, we provide practical immediate support to serve our community needs and engage with local and international partners. The current global COVID-19 pandemic has had significant economic and medical impact on Palestinian society. The precautions and response were insufficient, and the ongoing conflict with Israel has added to the hardship of sustaining employment and receiving medical treatment.

Taghyeer has initiated several projects to meet these needs as we were able to respond by distributing food parcels, providing personal protective equipment, and launching disinfection campaigns.

On the Ground Programs

ALL Rights



The “ALL Rights” project provides a free-access website for the Palestinian public that provides information and articles about labor law in everyday language. The website serves as an informational resource for both employees and employers.

During these times, such labor matters are a pressing issue due to the pandemic as well as frequent labor rights violations, and therefore the team prioritized addressing this rights domain as a pilot project. Insufficient knowledge about labor rights in the Palestinian communities and the resulting dependency on lawyers represent the core problem that "ALL Rights" tackles.

The Project builds on the concept of citizenship, which Taghyeer promotes. One of the pillars of Taghyeer’s work is to empower Palestinian individuals and communities in order to achieve social change.

An integral part of this work is to embrace the principles of citizenship through enabling various societal segments to learn about their rights. That, in turn, will pave the way toward a responsible, independent society made up of active citizens.

Hence, "ALL Rights" will be an informational platform that aims at enforcing labor law and supporting workers’ initiatives and maintaining their labor rights. Together with our Boston-based partner, “Our Generation Speaks” (OGS), we believe that knowledge of rights is necessary in order to become fully responsible and informed citizens.

PROJECTS 2020

NONVIOLENCE CENTER TWANI

Taghyeer, in coordination with Youth Of Sumud, has started constructing the Nonviolence Center in Twani in South Hebron Hills in November 2020. The Center, which also serves as a guest house, is anticipated to be completed by June 2021.

The Center is sponsored by Bashar al Masri's *Al Ard* initiative, which "aims to create additional opportunities to enhance Palestinians' resilience and steadfastness to remain on their land."



Youth of Sumud Organization
Rawabi - Bashar Al Masri
→ "Al Ard" initiative



3,000 people



150,000 USD

The Nonviolence Center offers local people a place to meet and exchange ideas. Additionally, international delegations and volunteers will experience Taghyeer's work on the ground and participate in community development projects. The Center will focus on nonviolence education and leadership especially for women and youth.

Our activists will use the space to hold workshops, activities, and launch campaigns that support the steadfastness of the people on the land as the land in Area C of the West Bank is under particular threat of annexation. Moreover, Twani is a key spot in South Hebron Hills that faces the Israeli occupation on a daily basis. Therefore, this village is strategic for Taghyeer's activities and activists base and of high symbolic value for the Palestinian people.

PROJECTS 2020

FOOD PARCELS PROJECT

When COVID-19 impaired many Palestinian lives in Spring 2020, Taghyeer started a food parcels pilot project that aimed at both guaranteeing immediate relief for isolated families that suffered food insecurity and piloting for a bigger food parcels distribution. The pilot project showed the need for an enlargement of the parcels to make the impact more sustainable.

Shortly after, Taghyeer identified and distributed to 20 communities across the West Bank that are seriously struggling for food security. This is due to deteriorated economic conditions as many people have lost their jobs. In addition, a large number of people from these communities depend on daily income that they no longer receive, such as Palestinian workers who previously worked in Israel and are no longer able to.



B8 of Hope Switzerland
Palestinian Red Cross



> 2,500 people,
20 communities



40,600 USD

Our partners B8 of Hope in Switzerland and the Friends of Taghyeer Movement in the US, as well as our generous supporters, raised funds quickly to address this urgent need. Taghyeer immediately implemented the efficient distribution of resources to our communities through our activists, who played a major role as gatekeepers to certain communities.

Taghyeer has successfully completed the delivery of food parcels to over 500 families and 2,500 people in 20 communities across the West Bank.

PROJECTS 2020

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROJECT

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, patients who have undergone various operations in medical facilities urgently require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to ensure their safety.

Taghyeer launched a project as an urgent response to the need for safety equipment. The Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD) manages the treatment of Palestinian patients that have been referred to Israeli hospitals by the Ministry of Health through a network of volunteers coordinating their mobility and transfers. Together, Taghyeer and GLSHD launched a project to provide PPE to medical care recipients, focused on chronically ill patients who suffer from chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney failure, and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.



Green Land Society
B8 of Hope Switzerland
Project Rozana



110 patients



14,000 USD

The project provided PPE, including masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, infrared thermometers, and hazard suits, to 110 patients and volunteers who provided transportation, assistance in crossing checkpoints and procurement of medical permits for movement during quarantine and lockdown.

The project embraced the partnership between Taghyeer and GLSHD and allows for future collaborative opportunities.

PROJECTS 2020

"START WITH YOURSELF" WOMEN CAMPAIGN

Taghyeer has established and partnered with several women groups among the Palestinian society as part of its "Women's Leadership Program" (WLP) to provide them with skills and training in order to practice social and political leadership.

As a practical component of the program, the women designed and implemented a 4-day campaign with the overall objective to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus as a complementary part to government measures. This objective was achieved on two levels. Firstly, raising community awareness about the danger of the virus as well as of other infectious diseases, and secondly distributing personal protective equipment such as masks, gloves and hand sanitizers in order to adhere to the preventive measures. The campaign took place in various locations in the city of Nablus



that allowed for enough space to keep the required distance such as two commercial shopping centers, major grocery stores, Al-Ain refugee camp, Al Khan market, and the central taxi station.

The campaign was carried out with the help of our partners whom we thank: the Nablus governorate office, the Palestinian Ministry of Health, the Palestinian Ministry of Transportation, the Chamber of Commerce, and especially forumZDF.

"Start with Yourself" received media coverage by different local media outlets including Dooz News and Media Website, Ma'an News Agency, Palestine TV, Radio Hayat, and Tariq Mahabeh radio station. Thanks to this, the women were able to extend the reach of the campaign and spread the message of Taghyeer. Within 4 days, the campaign directly reached more than 3,000 people.



German organization forumZFD
Palestinian Ministry of Health
Transportation Union
Nablus Municipality
Local media outlets



1,400 people
200 families



3,500 USD

PROJECTS 2020

AGRICULTURAL PROJECT SOUTH HEBRON HILLS

Similar to other places around the world, COVID-19 has had negative economic implications in Palestine. Palestinians living in remote areas are especially at risk of food insecurity. Masafer Yatta is such an area - a collection of 19 Palestinian villages, located between 14 and 24 kilometers south of the city of Hebron within the municipal boundary of Yatta City.

Since 1967, Masafer Yatta has been ruled under the Israeli Civil Administration. It is located in "Area C," where Israel has full military and civil control. The area is used by the Israeli army for military training. More than one thousand Palestinians are at risk of being expelled from their homes and properties. For all these years, the villagers have continued to live in their growing communities and to cultivate their land, yet the constant threat of demolition, expulsion, and expropriation by surrounding settlements leaves areas of potential agricultural land unused. We chose this area for our project in order to cultivate these abandoned land parcels and prevent the expansion of settlements.



In addition to various other immediate response programs, Taghyeer has implemented the first agricultural project to enable the community of Masafer Yatta to reach self-subsistence in the peak time of the pandemic. Moreover, the community deepened its relationship with our Messengers of Change and took initiative to live the model of self-responsibility.

Together with our partner, Hebron International Resource Network (HIRN), we successfully managed to cultivate 2.8 hectares of land that were provided by the local council. From April 2020 to July 2020 our activists and the local communities planted and harvested seven different kinds of vegetables. In this way, over 200 families were provided with food during the peak months of the pandemic. Additionally, our MoCs were able to engage in the project through volunteering and working alongside the local communities.



Hebron International
Resources Network (HIRN)



1,400 people
200 families



8,600 USD

Taghyeer Leadership Project

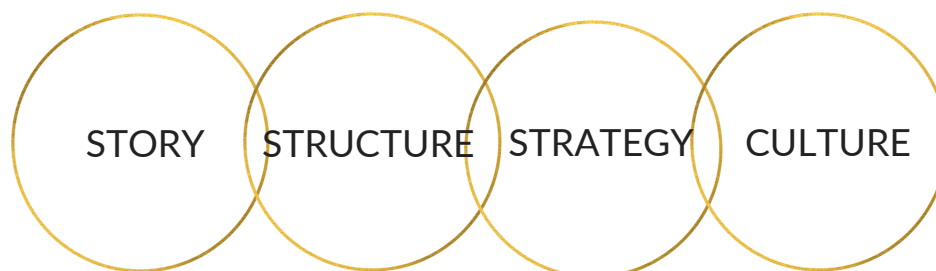
As we expand our leadership team to include a cohort of grassroots leaders, Taghyeer has begun a long-term project with our partner forumZFD for visioning with 12 community leaders, consisting of monthly workshops and weekly meetings. The goal is to broaden Taghyeer leadership by including a representative team of activists and build a stronger functional system that guarantees clear communication and responsibilities to fulfill Taghyeer's strategic role on the ground.

The project started in the fall of 2020. Since then, Taghyeer leadership and the Messengers of Change (MoCs) have conducted several zoom meetings as well as a multi-day in-person meeting.



What is the movement DNA?

The movement DNA consists of four elements and has the ultimate goal of unifying a movement around them.



Reflecting together with our MoCs on these four elements will equip Taghyeer leadership team to fully reach its potential and keep the dynamic within the group. This project serves as an inclusive refinement process of Taghyeer Movement.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2020



Susya Elementary School

Taghyeer Movement held an activity in Susya in the occupied South Hebron Hills in Area C of the West Bank. Together with our partner, Youth of Sumud, around 25 Taghyeer activists from Halhul, Yatta, and Susya itself joined in working at Susya Elementary school. We painted walls, did embellishment work, and planted trees to provide a suitable place of education for the children of Susya. This activity was initiated and led by our MoC Fatima Nawajaa.

Distribution of Medical Kits

As part of the emergency plan, Taghyeer provided precautionary medical supplies for our activists and other volunteers that are taking a high risk in Beit Ummar, Al Aroob's refugee Camp, Yatta, Bethlehem and South Hebron Hills. They worked night and day to protect their people and community. This was made possible by the generous funds of Bashar and Sabeeh al Masry and our partners B8 of Hope in Switzerland.



Olive Harvest Initiatives

Taghyeer's activists and in support of various villages continue to initiate campaigns every year to harvest olives. Taghyeer has been active in communities such as 'Azmut, (led by MoC Neda' Kharaz), Beit Fureek, Beit Jala (led by MoC Rafat Abed), Al Makhrou, and Yatta. The olive harvest poses not only an opportunity to support the farmers, but brings our activists together with the local communities.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2020

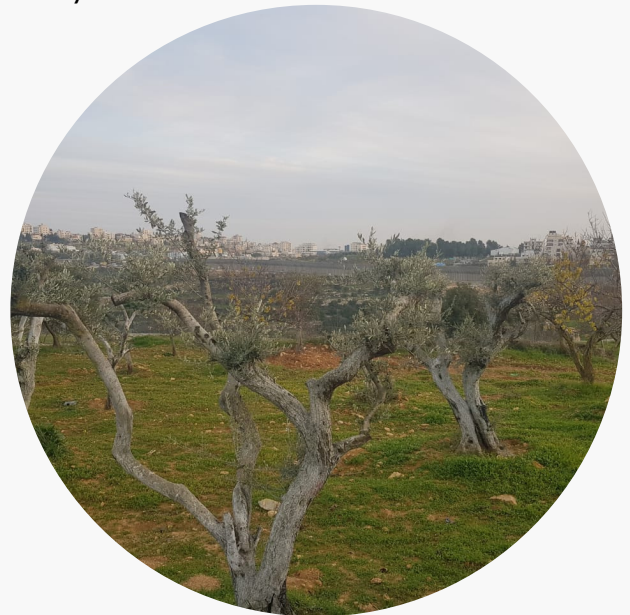


Disinfection Campaign

Taghyeer, together with Youth of Sumud, launched a disinfection campaign in 22 different locations in the South of the West Bank as part of the emergency pandemic response plan. Taghyeer provided precautionary medical supplies as a humble gesture of support to the volunteers in Beit Ummar and Al Aroob Camp, who are working day and night to protect their community.

Nonviolent Action in Al Makhrou

Following our strategic actions on the ground, Taghyeer has started a process with the help of our MoC Rafat Abed as well as the representative of the Ministry of Wall and Settlement, Hasan Braijiyeh, in Al-Makhrou area/ west of the Bethlehem governorate in Area C of the West Bank. We face the annexation plan by providing the community with water resources and a solar energy system, foster agricultural development and help securing legal support such as lawyers and rights organizations.



English Language & Leadership Development

Nine of Taghyeer's Messengers of Change started a 10-week training conducted by our partners Jerusalem Peace Builders. The program has two main objectives: 1) Further development of leadership skills and 2) Further development of English language competency.

Thus, the participants do not only improve their English, but also discuss topics such as identity, empathy and diversity, work on their listening skills, and learn about the importance of dialogue and non-verbal communication in peace-building.



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Messengers
of
Change



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Women
Leaders



Projects
&
Initiatives

17

14

Workshops
&
Community
Meetings



Activists
Base

260

20,082
people

Impact



Total budget
in USD

420,800

Friends of Taghyeer

Friends of Taghyeer Movement (FTM) is a US based organization directed by Stephen Stern. The mission of FTM is to support the fundraising efforts of the Taghyeer Movement in Palestine as well as building a coalition of experts and practitioners in the areas of conflict transformation and activism in nonviolence and civil resistance.



In January and February 2020, Friends of Taghyeer Movement, led by its Director Stephen Stern, organized and hosted a speaking and fundraising tour in the United States for Taghyeer Founder Ali Abu Awwad and Executive Director Muhanad Kharaz. Nearly 2,000 people were able to hear the talks in 24 different venues in eight cities.

The speakers outlined Taghyeer's role in grassroots actions on the ground, as well as the need to build a Palestinian mass civil society movement based on the values of nonviolence. Taghyeer focused on nonviolence as an identity in action, as a way of life and as an enabler of strong community and grassroots leadership for social change. Throughout the tour, key relationships were established or renewed among conflict resolution and nonviolent action professionals in universities and Middle East advocacy organizations.

Taghyeer also presented its philosophy and analysis of the political situation to American political leaders, in Muslim, Jewish and interfaith community centers, and, of course, to Palestinian American community leaders.

One highlight of the trip was the opportunity for Ali to speak in front of a large international, inter-communal audience at the Middle East Prayer Breakfast in Washington DC, where he received a stirring standing ovation in response to his call for conflict transformation and the need to be pro-resolution.

Taghyeer thanks its partners, supporters and donors that made this trip possible: S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, J Street, One Voice on Campus, Our Generation Speaks, Nonviolence International, Friends Forever International, Am Kolel Community, Synagogue hosts and interfaith leaders, Annie Berdy, Chris Bahara, Jenin Halum and many others including 40 US donors and supporters, the Topol Family Foundation, and Alternatives to Violence Project. Special thanks to everyone who helped Ali get a visa.

As a result of the US tour, Taghyeer was able to raise 48,000 USD for its work on the ground.

Friends of Taghyeer: Webinars

In March, the pandemic ended all travel and tour plans for the year. To continue building awareness and build support, U.S. work focused on social media, Zoom webinars and meetings including the end of August Zoom Town Hall and online events with partner groups on Taghyeer's role and views on conditions in Palestinian society.

We continue our work to bring in new leaders and volunteers in the U.S. on behalf of Taghyeer, and fully re-structure ourselves into an independent 501c3 organization.



Click on the titles to watch the recordings.

Podcast: By Any Means Necessary

Taghyeer founder Ali Abu Awwad and Executive Director Muhanad Kharaz talk about why Taghyeer believes in nonviolence as both a strategy and identity, why women and youth are increasingly taking on leadership roles in the resistance to the Israeli occupation, and the deep historical connection between the Palestinian cause and the Black liberation movement in the United States.

Webinar: J-Street

Ali Abu Awwad joined J Street's Israel Director to discuss needs on the ground.

Webinar: Gad Krebs

Muhanad Kharaz and Ali Abu Awwad joined Gad Krebs to discuss Taghyeer's work and how peace is possible.

Webinar: Pico Union Project - Palestine, the U.S. and Israel

US Ambassador and Middle East negotiator Dennis Ross conversed with Ali Abu Awwad on Palestinian and U.S. connections and involvement with Israel. They explored the meaning of the recent Gulf State recognition agreements, the exclusion of Palestinians and if the accords could be leveraged for positive change.

Webinar: Leader's Quest

Taghyeer's co-founder Ali Abu Awwad engaged in a Zoom webinar conversation with our strategic partner Lindsay Levin. They touched on leadership, Palestinian society in these times, and how the Taghyeer Movement has deepened its connection to grassroots action during the pandemic.

Friends of Taghyeer Movement Townhall

Three Palestinians, Founder Ali Abu Awwad; Forum Zfd's Siham Fayyad, and Executive Director, Muhanad Kharaz presented the ground truths of Palestinian society under COVID, women's rise to leadership, continuing occupation, and lack of self-rule.

Webinar: Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston

Executive Director of Taghyeer, Muhanad Kharaz, participated in a webinar with JCRC to speak about how COVID-19 is impacting Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding efforts.

Director & Co-founder: Stephen R. Stern



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B8 of Hope

B8 of Hope is a Swiss non-profit association supporting a pool of peace-building and change-making Palestinian and Israeli civil society and grassroots initiatives. It gives them visibility, funds, networking possibilities and capacity-building opportunities. B8 of Hope believes that peace will come from the bottom up, by people from both sides, paving a path for a coexistence based on humanization, respect, equal rights, security and better living conditions for all.



" B8 of Hope is a longtime supporter of Taghyeer because of Taghyeer's uncompromising belief in the power of individuals when they are motivated by positive identities and constructive solutions. Taghyeer's deep belief in active nonviolence as a way of life offers Palestinians an alternative political vision. Through nonviolent action, Palestinians can develop and improve their own community while reclaiming their dignity and asserting their rights. B8 of Hope believes that, once thousands of Palestinians demonstrate for nonviolence in the Palestinian street, many more Israelis will follow suit and demonstrate across the border in Israel for peace." - David Rimer, Co-founder B8 of Hope

forumZFD



forumZFD (forum Ziviler Friedensdienst; engl.: forum civil peace service, est. 1996) is an international non-governmental organization working in the field of conflict transformation. In Palestine, forumZFD partners with grassroots, organizations, and activists that work towards overcoming fragmentation and promoting inclusive narratives. ForumZFD offers process-related consultations drawing on their expertise in organizational development, non-violent communication, and strategic movement building.

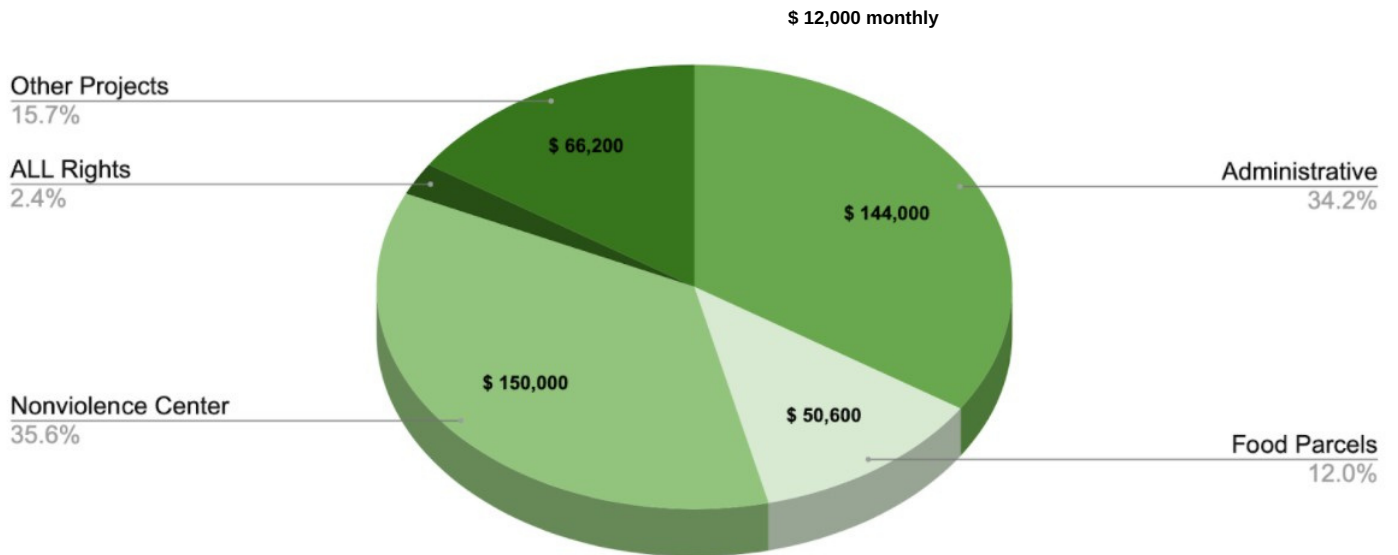
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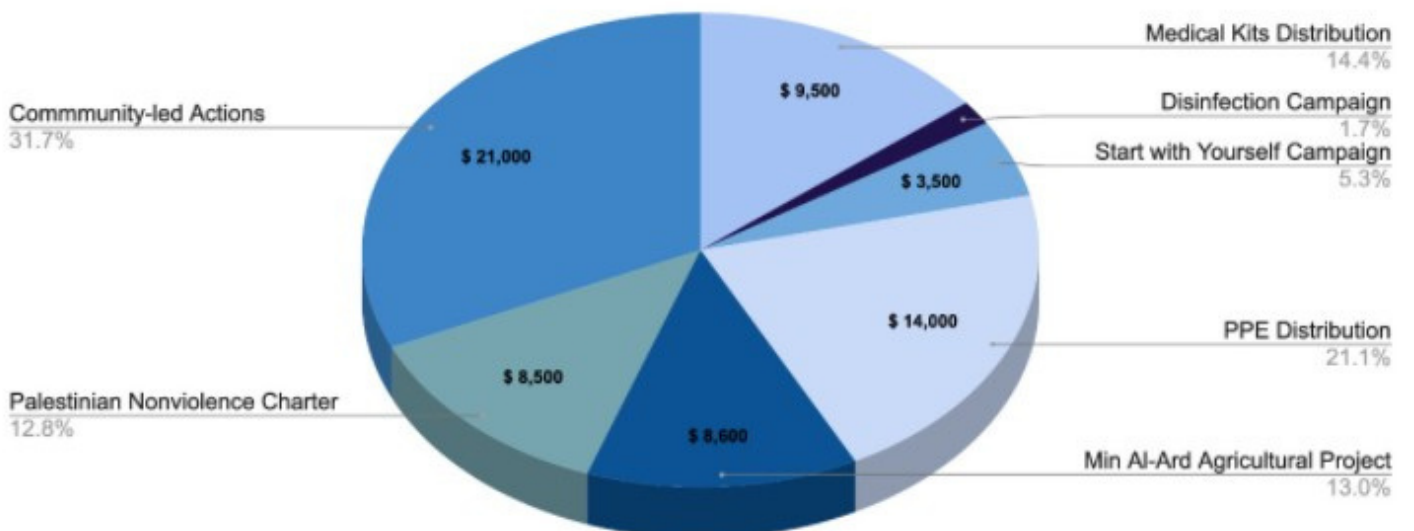
Financials

1. The total budget of 2020 was **420,800 USD**.
2. The administrative costs including salaries (paid staff: 7), office rent, transportation, rental car, and community meetings were **144,000 USD**.
3. Costs for programming and projects were **276,800 USD**.

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